

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) Under the Minimum Wages Act 1948 both the State and Central Government are appropriate Governments for fixation/revision of minimum rates of wages for the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdiction. However, bulk of the scheduled employment falls under State jurisdiction and the Central Government is responsible only in respect of 40 scheduled employment. The Act provide for periodic revision of minimum rates of wages at an interval not exceeding five years. However, various foras/bodies in the past like Labour Ministers' Conference, Indian Labour Conference etc. have recommended to reduce this period. These recommendations have been communicated to the State Government/UT Administration for necessary action. In the Central sphere, the minimum rates of wages for Employment in Agriculture were last revised on 12-8-92 and for 39 other scheduled employment relating mainly to mining, construction and railway sectors, were last revised on 12-7-94. There is also a provision of variable dearness allowance as part of minimum wages, which is revised every six months as per the variation in consumer price index number. The last revision of variable dearness allowance was made w.e.f. 1-10-96.

The Act also provide for the setting up of an enforcement machinery to seek compliance with the provision of the Act. In the Central sphere, the enforcement of the Minimum Wages Act is secured through the officers of the Central Industrial Relation Machinery. These officers make regular and periodic inspections of the establishment under the Act and take necessary action whenever any violation to the Act comes to the notice. Similarly the States also have an elaborate and grassroot level enforcement infrastructure. The Central Government from time to time advise the State Government/UT administration to take various steps to make the enforcement of the provisions of the Act more effective.

New Scheme for Global Passengers

*25. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL :
SHRI K.P. NAIDU :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the new scheme propose to be formulated by Air India to attract more global passengers; and

(b) the steps taken to increase the number of aircraft fleet to offer additional capacity and introduce more flight schedule?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Schemes are launched by Air India from time to time to attract passengers. Some such schemes in existence at present are :

1. Companion free offer for first and executive class passengers on selected routes.
2. Frequent Flyer Programme.
3. Lucky Draw Scheme applicable to all passengers who purchase Air India tickets in India for international journey.
4. Special fare offers on selected routes.

(b) Air India has acquired two Boeing 747-400 aircraft during October-November, 1996 as a part of its fleet renewal plan and to augment capacity. Air India plans to continue renewal of its fleet during the Ninth Plan period.

Plan to Handle Air Traffic

*26. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Airport Authority of India has worked out a long term plan to handle increasing air traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said plan is likely to be implemented together with the names of airports where it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes. Sir, the Airports Authority of India has worked out plans to handle the increasing Air Traffic across the Indian Air Space and corresponding upgradation in the ground infrastructure facilities like terminal buildings, runways, aprons etc.

(b) and (c). The details of the schemes under implementation/planned for implementation and the time frame by which these are likely to be implemented are given in the enclosed Statements I and II.

STATEMENT - I

*Plan to Handle Air Traffic and Aerodromes Facilities at Domestic Airports
(Terminal Building Complexes)*

S.No.	Airport	Scope of Work	Existing T/B Pax Capacity	Enhanced T/B Pax Capacity	Estimated Cost (Rs in Crores)	Expected Date of Completion	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Agartala	Expansion and Modification of Terminal Building. (T/B)	200	500	18.11	18 months from the date of commencement,	approval stage
2.	Amritsar	Expansion of Terminal Building	i. Dom. Block ii. Intl. Block	i. Dom. 400 ii. Intl. 300	under preparation	18 months from the date of commencement	Planning stage
3.	Aurangabad	i. Const. of New Terminal Building	200	i. Dom. 500 ii. Intl. 600	46.57	30 months from the date of commencement	Proposal submitted to OECF Japan for approval.
4.	Agra	Expansion of Terminal Building	150	500	10.24	Dec. 97	
5.	Bangalore	Construction of New Integrated arrival hall	700	2000	13.69	Dec 1998	
6.	Bagdogra	Const. of New Terminal Building	200	500	11.43	24 months from date of commencement	Work awarded
7.	Bhopal	Extn & Modification of T/B.	100	500	3.38	Oct. 97	
8.	Bhubneshwar	i. Const of New T/B.	200	500	13.42	March, 97	Planning stage
9.	Bhuj	Const of New Terminal Building	100	500	under preparation	30 months from date of commencement	
10.	Calicut	i. Extn. of Terminal Building & Const. of New Intl. Block	600	1000	6.01	Completed	
11.	Coimbatore	i. Const of New T/B	100	500	4.15	Completed	
12.	Dimapur	i. Const. of New T/B.	100	500	9.65	March, 97	
13.	Goa	i. Expn of T/B ii. Const. of New Intl. Block	400	1500	11.85	Int'l. Completed Domestic Block	
14.	Guwahati	i. Expn. of T/B.	400	1500	12.45	March. 97 Arrival Hall Completed	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15. Hyderabad	i. Const. of INTL. Block Expn. of Terminal Building.	75	3000	43.60			International trml. block completed Domestic block Dec. 97
16. Imphal	Extension of Terminal Building	300	600	14.79	March. 99		
17. Indore	i. Extension of Terminal Bldg	250	500	7.92	Dec. 96		
18. Jaipur	i. Expansion & Modification of Terminal Building.	200	500	5.91	Completed		
19. Jodhpur	Expansion of Terminal Building	100	400	7.63	March. 97		
20. Kargil	Constn. of new airport for 30 seater aircraft	100	100	18.69	Dec. 98		
21. Lucknow	i. Expansion of Terminal Bldg	100	750	14.98	Completed		
22. Ludhiana	Expansion of Terminal Bldg.	50	100	1.07	Dec. 97		
23. Nagpur	Const. of New Terminal Bldg.	100	750	10.98	Completed		
24. North Lakhim- pur (Lilabari)	i. Const. of New T/B.	100	500	14.47	32 Months from date of commencement	Work awarded	
25. Patna	Expansion & Mod. of T/B.	200	500	6.08	March. 97		
26. Port Blair	i. Construction of New T/B.	200	500	18.87	30 months from date of commencement	Approval stage	
27. Porbandar	Const. of New Terminal Bldg.	50	200	9.52	18 months from date of commencement		
28. Raipur	i. Expansion & Modification of Terminal Building.	100	400	8.55	May. 98		
29. Sittchar	Expn. & Mod. of Terminal Bldg.	100	300	3.38	Dec. 97		
30. Tezpur	Const. of New Terminal Building	50	400	18.60	30 months from date of commencement	Being awarded	
31. Tirupathi	Const. of Terminal Building Tech. Block cum Control Tower	80	250	5.07	Jan.. 98		
32. Vijayawada	Const. of trml. bldg.	50	150	3.00	24 months	Tender to be called	

STATEMENT - II

*Plan to Handle Air Traffic and Aerodromes Facilities at Domestic Airports
(Runway & Associated Pavements)*

S.No.	Airport	Scope of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in crores)	Expected Date of Completion	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Ahmedabad	Extn. of rwy from 9000' to 11500' & associated works	49.88	24 months from the date of commencement	Estimate under preparation
2.	Aurangabad	Extn. of rwy from 7500' to 9000', upgradation of associated facilities	20.00	30 month from the date of commencement	Planning stage
3.	Agartala	Acquisition of land & extn. of rwy from 6000' to 7500' & associated works	40.00	-do-	Land acquisition in progress
4.	Bhubaneshwar	Extn. of rwy to 9000'	12.62	Dec. 1998	Work in progress
5.	Calicut	Extn. of rwy to 9000'	89.88	Dec. 99	Work in progress
6.	Coimbatore	Extn. of rwy from 7500' to 9000'	30.00	30 months from the date of commencement	Planning stage
7.	Dibrugarh	Strengthening of rwy	9.14	Nov. 96	Work nearing completion
8.	Dimapur	Extn. of rwy to 7500'	1.4	Completed	
9.	Goa (CE)	Expn. of apron	8.57	Oct. 97	Work in progress
10.	Guwahati	(a) Expn. of apron (b) Extn. of rwy to 12000' & associated works	2.53 52.00	Sept. 97 30 months from the date of commencement	Work in progress Land acquisition in progress
11.	Indore	Extn. of rwy from 5600' to 7500'	7.93	Dec. 97	Work in progress
12.	Jammu (CE)	Extn. of rwy & associated pavements including land acquisition	13.00	2 years from date of commencement	Land acquisition in progress
13.	Jaipur	Extn. of rwy from 6000' to 7500' Extn. of rwy from 7500' to 9000' & strengthening of existing pavements for AB-300	4.59 20.00	Dec. 96 30 months from the date of commencement	Work in progress Land acquired. Estimates are being prepared
14.	Jabalpur	Strengthening & Extn. of rwy to 7500'	25.00	24 months from the date of commencement	Tender under evaluation
15.	Mangalore	Construction of new rwy to 7500'	25.00	-do-	Land acquisition in progress
16.	Madurai	Acquisition of land and extn. of rwy from 6000' to 7500'	20.00	-do-	-do-
17.	North Lakhimpur	Extn. of rwy from 5400' to 7500' & associated pavements	13.90	Aug. 98	Work in progress

1	2	3	4	5	6
18	Port Blair (CE)	Extn. & strengthening of rwy from 6000' to 11,000'	49.25	36 months from the date of commencement	Work started by State PWD
19	Raipur	Resurfacing of rwy & extn. of apron	6.92	Aug. 97	Work in progress
20.	Tirupati	Strengthening & extn. of rwy to 7500'	18.66	Completed	
21	Vijayawada	Strengthening of rwy	16.25	Dec 97	Work will be awarded in Feb. 97
22.	Udaipur	Strengthening/extn. of Runway to 1500'	5.96	March 97	Work in progress

[Translation]

Derailment of Train

*27 SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether four rear wheels of a passenger coach of 1271 UP-Vindhya Express derailed at 4.30 A.M. on September 22, 1996 at the time of entering Sumreri Station situated between Khural and Saugor Railway Stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the enquiry and the action taken against the persons found responsible alongwith the loss incurred to railways; and

(e) the remedial steps taken to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) On 22.9.96, at 4.30 hrs., one trolley of a coach of 1271 Vindyachal Express derailed at Sumreri station of Katni-Bina section of Jabalpur Division of Central Railway. There was no casualty or injury to anybody.

(c) and (d). An enquiry was conducted by a Committee of Officers which concluded that the derailment took place due to tampering with the Point Stretcher Bar at Sumreri station by some unidentified persons. Cost of damage to railway property amounted to Rs. 31,000/- This being a case of sabotage, an F.I.R. has been lodged with the Government Railway Police/Sagar under Sections 150 and 151 of the Indian Railways Act.

(e) The following remedial steps have been taken to check recurrence of such incidents :

(i) State Governments have been requested to

initiate measures to check the incidence of sabotage on Railway systems.

- (ii) Railway staff have been instructed to exercise greater vigil on unidentified persons to avoid such incidents.
- (iii) Renewed stress has been laid on inspections and surprise checks.
- (iv) The patrolling of track by RPF at above area was introduced and continued upto 05.11.96. Patrolling by Gangman is still continuing.

[English]

Installation of Transmitters

*28 SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

DR. VAI LABH BHAI KATHIRIA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of High Power Transmitters and Low Power Transmitters and Very Low Power Transmitters installed during the last three years, State-wise, location-wise and the expenditure incurred thereon during this period;

(b) whether border districts of Gujarat particularly Saurashtra region is affected by propaganda by Pakistan Television through their High Power Transmitter; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) 16 High Power TV transmitters (HPTs), 204 Low Power TV Transmitters (LPTs) and 73 Very Low Power TV transmitters (VLPTs) have been commissioned during the period from 1.4.1993 to 20.11.1996 as per Statewise details given in the enclosed Statement. The yearwise total expenditure incurred on various